IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

CHRISTOPHER LEE NEAL,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	1:11CV961
)	
LINDY PENDERGRASS, et al.,)	
)	
Defendant(s).)	

ORDER AND RECOMMENDATION OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Plaintiff, a federal prisoner, has submitted a civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, together with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and a motion to appoint counsel. The form of the complaint is such that serious flaws make it impossible to further process this complaint. The problems are:

- 1. The complaint is not on forms prescribed for use by this Court, nor is the information requested by such forms and necessary to process the complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A contained in Plaintiff's submission. *See* LR 7.1(f).
- 2. Filing fee was not received nor was a proper affidavit to proceed *in forma* pauperis submitted, with sufficient information completed or signed by Plaintiff, to permit review. Plaintiff did submit an *in forma pauperis* application, but it is not sufficient.
- 3. Plaintiff has failed to provide a sufficient number of copies. Plaintiff must submit the original, one copy for the Court, and one copy for each defendant named.

4. It is not clear from the complaint whether or not Plaintiff has exhausted

administrative remedies as to his claims.

Consequently, this particular complaint should be dismissed, but without prejudice

to Plaintiff filing a new complaint, on the proper § 1983 forms, which corrects the defects

of the present complaint. To further aid Plaintiff, the Clerk is instructed to send Plaintiff new

§ 1983 forms, instructions, an application to proceed in forma pauperis, and a copy of

pertinent parts of Fed. R. Civ. P. 8 (i.e., Sections (a) & (d)).

In forma pauperis status is granted for the sole purpose of entering this Order and

Recommendation. Plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel will be denied in light of

the recommendation of dismissal.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that *in forma pauperis* status is granted for the sole

purpose of entering this Order and Recommendation. The Clerk is instructed to send

Plaintiff § 1983 forms, instructions, an application to proceed in forma pauperis, and a copy

of pertinent parts of Fed. R. Civ. P. 8 (i.e., Sections (a) & (d)).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion to appoint counsel is denied.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that this action be filed and dismissed *sua sponte* without

prejudice to Plaintiff filing a new complaint, on the proper § 1983 forms, which corrects the

defects cited above.

/s/ P. Trevor Sharp United States Magistrate Judge

Date: November 15, 2011

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